

Subject: Re: Hazardous Material Information for Councilmember
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Date: 3/10/20, 9:15 AM
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Thank you for this useful information, I will let the Councilmember know. I appreciate your thorough response and reply.

Have a wonderful day ahead.

Respectfully,
Tristen Marler

On Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 8:30 AM Howard Wong <howard.wong@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Tristen,

The term hazardous materials is a broad term and has its own definition identified in Federal / State laws and regulations. Typically LSD ECI's will identified health hazards / hazardous materials into the following categories:

- OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration:
 - OSHA's definition includes any substance or chemical which is a "health hazard" or "physical hazard," including: chemicals which are carcinogens, toxic agents, irritants, corrosives, sensitizers; agents which act on the hematopoietic system; agents which damage the lungs, skin, eyes, or mucous membranes; chemicals which are combustible, explosive, flammable, oxidizers, pyrophorics, unstable-reactive or water-reactive; and chemicals which in the course of normal handling, use, or storage may produce or release dusts, gases, fumes, vapors, mists or smoke which may have any of the previously mentioned characteristics. (Full definitions can be found at 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910.1200.)
- EPA - Environmental Protection Agency:
 - EPA incorporates the OSHA definition, and adds any item or chemical which can cause harm to people, plants, or animals when released by spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping or disposing into the environment. (40 CFR 355 contains a list of over 350 hazardous and extremely hazardous substances.)

- DOT- Department of Transportation
 - DOT defines a hazardous material as any item or chemical which, when being transported or moved in commerce, is a risk to public safety or the environment, and is regulated as such under its Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration regulations (49 CFR 100-199), which includes the Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR 171-180). In addition, hazardous materials in transport are regulated by the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code; Dangerous Goods Regulations of the International Air Transport Association; Technical Instructions of the International Civil Aviation Organization; and U.S. Air Force Joint Manual, Preparing Hazardous Materials for Military Air Shipments.
- State of California:
 - "Hazardous material" means any material that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. "Hazardous materials" include, but are not limited to, hazardous substances, hazardous waste, and any material that a handler or the unified program agency has a reasonable basis for believing that it would be injurious to the health and safety of persons or harmful to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment (Health and Safety Code section (Health & Saf. Code sec) 25501 (m)).
- Regards,

On Mon, Mar 9, 2020 at 3:48 PM Tristen Marler <tristen.marler@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello All,

The Councilmember has asked me to define what a hazardous material is from an ECI's/ LA San worker's perspective.

Can you please share these details with me?

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Best,
Tristen

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